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Ceremony Commemorating  
the Naming of the

*Day Family*

Memorial Campus Arboretum  
& Outdoor Classroom Project

Saturday, October 16, 1999 • 9:00 A.M.



The Day Family Memorial Campus Arboretum and Outdoor Classroom Project at East Central Community College was established to honor the memory of Samuel Marion Day and Eliza Frances Day of Newton County.

More than 250 trees were planted in the spring of 1999 to transform the campus into a living classroom for the benefit of the students and the enjoyment of the community.

The project was initiated by the Reverend Jane Todd Gurry, Class of 1951, of Raleigh, N.C. She was joined by her brother, Dr. Joe Todd, Class of 1953, a cardiovascular surgeon in Cincinnati. They are among descendants of the Day family and are children of the late Dr. and Mrs. L.O. Todd. The late Dr. Todd served as College president from 1934 to 1953.

Day descendants contributing to the project to date include: Dr. Joe Todd, Reverend Gurry, Jerrold E. Pruden and Twyla W. Pruden of Hope, Ark. and Betty Ann Day Cox and J.E. Cox of Dallas, TX.

Private donors include Colonel Albert K. Smith of Mascotte, FL, Class of 1937; and Mrs. Karon Scott of Philadelphia, East Central faculty member from 1997 to 1998.

A major impetus to the project was the awarding of a grant from the Urban and Community Forestry Program of the Mississippi Forestry Commission and the USDA Forest Service in cooperation with the Southern Group of State Foresters.

Coordinating the implementation of the project on the campus was Ron Davis, Chairman, East Central Science Division. The College Maintenance staff played a major role. East Central faculty, staff, students and alumni compiled the Campus Botanical Guide identifying trees over the campus.

## P R O G R A M

Welcome .....	Dr. Eddie M. Smith East Central President
Invocation .....	Dr. Phil A. Sutphin Dean of Instruction
Project Overview .....	Larry Hogue Director, Development and Alumni Relations
Comments .....	Ron Davis Chairman, Science Division
Response .....	Representatives of the Day Family
Unveiling of Plaque .....	Members of Day Family
Benediction .....	Reverend Jane Gurry Class of 1951 Raleigh, N.C.



